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REPORT

TOPIC Information on the KVP Engineer Unit at Fuenfeichen near Neubrandenburg

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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- 25X1 1. From 15 through 20 June 1953, [] the installation at Fuenfeichen near Neubrandenburg still quartered a KVP engineer unit, allegedly an engineer regiment. [] the commanding officer of the unit was still Captain Kiesslich (fnu) who wore four stars on his epaulets. Chief of the motor transport section was Senior Lieutenant Stakowski (fnu).¹
- 25X1 2. [] they had been transferred from Eggesin to Fuenfeichen alongside an engineer unit of about 200 in November 1952. Originally this unit had been scheduled to return to Eggesin in early May 1953.¹
3. From 17 to 20 June, the engineer unit at Fuenfeichen was placed on an alert status. It appeared noteworthy that during these days much close-order drill and field training was given contrary to the preceding period when much theoretical instruction was given. While the alert status was in force, 35 trucks were being kept available at the installation. Originally these trucks were to move Unit Krause to Pinnov. The June uprising delayed this planned transfer.
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- 25X1 4. On 10 July, [] the two crane trucks were still at the installation. [] a portion of the KVP personnel stationed in Fuenfeichen was to be discharged. The soldiers involved had allegedly already been registered.²
- 25X1 5. From 16 June through 12 July, [] the Fuenfeichen VP camp still quartered about 600 men. The heavy engineer equipment which had been expected since sometime had not yet arrived. The engineer soldiers practiced on Tollense Lake with pontoons which were sent there twice a week from Neustrelitz.³

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6. Prior to early July, only relatively few motor vehicles were seen at the installation. However, on 12 July, 16 new trucks were observed in the billeting area.

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1. Comment. The engineer battalion of Armeegruppe Nord is stationed at Fuenfeichen. This unit is commanded by Captain Kiesslich (fnu). Elements of the engineer battalions of the mechanized division in Eggesin and the rifle division in Prenzlau are also stationed at Fuenfeichen.

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2. Comment. Information on a planned discharge of KVP personnel was also furnished . This information has been unsubstantiated so far. Evidence on the number of VPs to be discharged is not available.

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3. Comment. It is believed that heavy engineer equipment will be lent by the Soviets to KVP engineer units.

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